TUESDAY July 2, 1861 OUR FRIENDS at the various military camps and positions will confer a favor by keeping us posted as to movements and affairs in their vicinities.

Spirit of the Morning Press. The Intelligencer quotes the language of the

New York Post and Dr. Parsons of the Harvard Law School, showing that slaves who abandon their masters and escape to Fortress Monroe are not subject to the fugitive slave law, but to the authority of the State alone.

The Republican thinks no compromise with the secessionists is possible, until they are completely subdued and routed.

THE NEWS HERE.

THE THEFT OF THE ST. NICHOLAS. - This achievement of Hollins, ex-Captain U. S. N has inflicted no injury whatever upon the cause of the United States, nor has it added to the store of ice, coal and coffee previously in the hands of the Virginia disunionists, as alleged. That is, the chances are twenty to one that the account of the capture by the St. Nicholas after having been stolen by Hollins and his confederate thieves (on their way to the Rappahannock from Cone river) of three vessels destined for this city, loaded, respectively, with ice, coffee, and coal-is all mere moonshine. No such vessels were expected here-nor is it possible that any such information could have reached Baltimore last night; the only information on the subject of Hollin's thieving that went there, being carried by the legitimate passengers of the St. Nicholes, turned adrift at Cone river, who soon made their way over to Point Lookout and from thence to Baltimore.

Some of the owners and officers of the St. Nicholas are strongly suspected of complicity in a greater or less degree with the transfer of the steamer to the disunionists, and the incidentally robbery of some of our fellow citizens who had freight on board of her.

We know Hollins well. He is a pompous fellow, who, whilom, prided himself on being a gentleman. He is notoriously weak in the upper story, however, which accounts for the readiness with which he has adopted the theory of secession; that it covers any amount of individual scoundrelism, that under ordinary circumstances would justly subject these indulging it to lashes with a rawhide at a petty larceny whipping post

On the whole, the trick of Hollins is on a par in lack of principle with Van Dorn's in Texas, and the late proclamat on of Beauregard from Manassas, in both of which lying like poltroons, not fighting like soldiers, was resorted to to win temporary but evanescent advantages. We regard it as being fortunate that the St. Nicholas has been in any manner taken out of the trade between Baltimore and St. Mary's county, Md., for it is well known that she has been for months past one of the main channels through which supplies contraband of war were furnished to the traitors in Virginia, from Maryland.

THE BALTIMORE DISUNION PRESS .- The "brilant exploit," as the Baltimore traitor newspapers call the recent surreptitious scizure of the steamer St. Nicholas, goes to strengthen the necessity for dealing summarily with the traitors of Maryland, made apparent by the disclosures resulting from the investigations of the Government upon the heel of the arrest of the traitor Kane. Unless it be determined to give up Maryland to be subjugated by a tratorious minority, as Virginia has been, it is high time that something more than temporarily holding Maryland traitors in Fort McHenry be resorted to by way of curing festering treachery in that quarter.

The newspaper men aiding and abetting treason there, should speedily be looked after by Gen. Banks. Unless they be promptly taken in hand and made examples of, little progress will be made in speedily assuring the existence of a different state of things there.

Next, a rigid river military police should be established, directed to ascertain past any doubt, the actual contents of every bale, box, or barrel essayed to be shipped coastwise from Baltimore; and above all, martial law is requisite there, un less the Government would have its military plans imminently endangered in some critital juncture While none are more jealous than the Star for the Liberty of the Press, we recognize already the difference between that, and such license to aid and abet treason, as some of the Baltimore papers are taking. The press, like individuals, in these times, can hold no neutral position with reference to the treason of the eligarchy. It must stand for the Union, or against the Union. In times like the present, it should not be tolerated while notoriously giving aid and comfort to those in arms against the Union.

Let Gen. Banks, therefore, lose no time in making examples of those most dangerous traitors in Baltimore, who, under pretence of merely availing themselves of the Liberty of the Press under our Government, are laboring without scruple to strengthen the hands of those in arms against the United States.

THE REMARKABLE COMET OF LAST NIGHT -We give below the observations of two different observers of the remarkable comet that made its appearance in the heavens so unexpectedly last night:

"After the severe rain storm of last evening, heavy bank of clouds covered the northeastern sky till about eleven o'clock. About this time some gentlemen of the U.S. Coast Survey, engaged at the office, saw what they supposed to be a bright auroral beam shooting up towards the zenith from behind the dark masses of cloud, but beyond a remark as to the unusual occurrence of phenomena at this se son, it attracted then but little attention Just before one o'clock, the clouds having disappeared, the broad beam of light proved to be the tail of a comet of extraordinary brilliancy, the nucleus of which was larger than, and very nearly as bright as, a star of the first magnitude, while the tail stretched over an arc of at least eighty degrees, sweeping up-wards from an altitude of six or eight degrees above the horizon to the milky way. In general appearance this comet reminded the observers of he great comet of 1858, but the suddenness of its approach, and enormous length of fail when first een, are perhaps unparalleled. It may be this is the one long looked for by astronomers, known as that of Charles V , and if so, its identity will

soon be ascertained." Editor Star: I watched the comet between half past one and half past two a m., July 2, 1861; its head appeared to be near the boundary of the constellations Lynx and Ursa Major, not far from the head of the latter. About a quarter before two, the head appeared about 7° above the northern horizon, a few degrees to the east of the meridian; the tail extended in a straight line through the constellations Ursæ Minoris and Herculis, and nearly reached the Milky Way, passing some distance below Vega. The total extent could not have been less than 85°, and its average width was nearly 5°. In brilliancy, the nucleus, as well as the tail, seemed somewhat inferior to that of the great comet of 1858. The nucleus was very though hardly approaching in intensity of light a star of the second magnitude. Its eastern limb was better defined than the opposite one. Within the envelope of the nucleus streamers appeared, and it seemed to be the center of the second. and it seemed to be the center of short pulsations extending in waves along the tail. The head was of a blueish and yellowish tint, which might have been produced by its proximity to the hortzon. The shape of the head was round and much less pointed than that of the comet of 1858.

There seemed to be an outer envelope over the nucleus, which, extending to about 18°, rendered that part of the tail more conspicuous, with a brightness much greater than that of the milky way. At this limit there was a sudden diminution in the brightness; beyond it, the fainter illumination seemed uniform. No central brighter streak of light along its axis, nor any darker space behind the nucleus, could be made out. The general outline was nearly equally well defined for some distance near the brighter portion of the tail; further on, the lower outline appeared as dif-fused light. The brighter part, of a rather bushy appearance, was about 6° in its greatest width; and near the head its breadth was near 2 10-2. The outline of the tail, at first sight, seemed perfeetly straight, yet there was a slight curvature concave to the pole about 250 from the nucleus; the end of the tail again slightly turned in the opposite direction; the upper outline, when first seen, seemed just to pass over the two bright stars beta and gamma Ursue Minoris; later, the upper

ota and gan ma Urace Minoris; later, the upper edge appeared a little below

It is possible that this comet is the one long looked for by astronomers, known as that of Charles V. Its orbit and possible identity with any previous comet will no doubt be soon established. Washington, D. C. C.A.S.

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RIVER -Yesterday afternoon, the propeller Resolute arrived at the Navy Yard, from Point Lookout, and after a short stay, started again to go down, but running aground off the Arsenal, so filled her boilers with mud that she was compairs-her engine having been slightly injured in endeavoring to work off the bar.

She reports all quiet down the river, and no troops visible at any point. No batteries have as yet been erected at Matthias' Point, nor are there any signs of such an intention to be seen.

The St. Nicholas having been taken up the Rap. pahannock river, the Pawnee goes down to-day to relieve the Pocahontas at Aquia Creek, when the latter will at once close the trap into which the St. Nicholas has been taken. She can be of no cahontas will, of course, send over a compliment. with an invitation to the crew to accept "Uncle Sam's" hospitalities.

Several schooners are unloading coal at the Yard, and form quite a forest of masts about the

THE RICHMOND (VIRGINIA) CONVENTION .- Out of 152 members originally in the Virginia Convention, which, when elected, represented a Union majority of 62,000, it appears at the second meeting they have dwindled down to 91 members. This is the number who signed the ordinance. Of course some few had resigned, and some few were absent on duty; as it was determined after the first adjournment to neutralize some of the most incorrigible Union men by giving them Army appointments, which appears to have had its effect. A heavy responsibility rests upon the heads of the conservative men of the Convention, Messrs Janney, Baldwin, Brent, Stuart, Caperton, Scott, McFarland, Speed, and others, for the course they took, and for the dark days which Virginia has now before her.

ARMS POSSESSED BY THE GOVERNMENT .- It is ascertained from an official source that about 250,000 stand of arms have already been issued, leaving half that number at least still on hand, with others being constantly manufactured These arms are additional to those furnished by the State authorities. None have thus far been ordered from aboard, through the ordnance bureau. Hence, the recent importaions must be on State or private account. Dealers and inventors are daily offering to supply the government, which, however, prefers its own patterns of uniformity. There is no lack of facilities, it will thus be seen, for arming all the troops that may be call into the field. There is abundance of ordnance and ordnance stores and other implements of warfare.

A VALUABLE SUGGESTION .- A distinguished army officer writes us thus :

BALTIMORE, Mp., June 28, 1861 Editor Star: With hope of saving some of the evils of our brave picket guards from the dastardly attacks made from night to night on them. I write as follows: I have had some slight experience on the western plains. An Indian squats, to use a homely phrase, when on the lookout. He never thinks of remaining upright. In a low posttion he can hear better, and ses infinitely better. By stooping down low the sky is brought up so as to enable one to see any object in the distance

Passes Within the Federal Lines -The statement that passes are granted indiscriminately by Gen. Mansfield or his aid, Capt. De Kay, or are at hotels in bianks, is untrue. Ten or fifteen passes a day at the farthest are given, and never except on the strongest letters of introduction.

BREVETTED -Lieut. Col. J. W. Ripley, Ordnance Department, has received the brevet of Brigadier General in the U. S. Army.

Correction - Captain Samuel Baker, and not Boker, is the name of the inspector appointed at the Alexandria custom house.

WAR BALLOON -Professor Wise, of Lancaster, Pa , it is understood, has been engaged by the Government for war balloon operations.

A SECESSION VICTORY MADE OF WHOLE CLOTH - THE SECESSION FORCE IMME. DIATELY ON THE POTOMAC AND TIDE WATER RAPPAHANNOCK.

[Special correspondence of The Star.] ALEXANDRIA, July 2 -Editor of the Star : Or the day before yesterday the secessionists were in extacles over a fool story saying that, on the night before, the enemy had driven in our pickets from the vicinity of Cloud's Mill, to within two hundred yards of Fort Elisworth, (on Shooter's Hill,) killing seventeen and taking nineteen prisoners. and riddling Padgett's toll house (on the Little River Turnpike, near the base of Shooter's Hill) with bullet holes. Of course there is not a single word of truth in the story.

They claim to have 12,000 troops at Fredericksburg, Aquia Cre k, and elsewhere immediately on the Potomac and Rappahannock.

NO TRAITOR TROOPS AT VIENNA-THE TRAITORS INCREASING THEIR CAV-ALRY, &c.

[Special correspondence of The Star.] FALLS CHURCH, July 2 .- Editor of the Star : I have every reason to believe that yesterday there were no trailor troops at Vienna, though their scouting parties were hovering around the vil-

One of the four horses captured by Connecticut pickets (with two men) a day or two since, undoubtedly belonged to Samuel R. Johnston, of the Fairfax troop. The aggregate number of traitor cavalry from Fairfax, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Warren, Richmond, Bedford, and other (Va.) counties, this side of Manassas Junction, has been materially increased recently.

The Charleston Mercury, of the 26th inst has a letter from a reliable gentleman at Manassas Junction, saying: "Fifteen thousand men are here with only twelve pieces of artillery, which is insufficient. Ammunition is scarce, and the muskets are without bayonets. Whole companies are without caps, cartridge boxes, tents, etc. I am not sanguine of immediate success. The refusal of men for one year was unfortunate. Promptitude should be our policy. Fifty thousand troops here would make quick work of the war. Half that number four weeks ago would have put us in Baltimore by this time. We are well entrenched, but if the Lord remain not with us we shall fare badly on the day of the great fight, which is not far distant."

THEIR BEST PRIVATEER GONE .- A letter from the Pensacola firet, dated June 10, says that the piratical steamer Wm. H. Webb, has been captured by the Niagara while in the act of seizing the brig East of New York. If this information is correct, the buccaneers have lost their best vessel. The Wm. H. Webb is a large and very powerful tugboat, formerly well known in New day. Her marine guard is full, and consists of 43 York barbor. She is registered at 655 tons, seven members, rank and file. The Savannah is said to feet one inch draft, and in excellent condition.

that Messrs. S. T. Wallis and T. Parkin Scott were arrested in Baltimore this morning, and taken to Fort McHenry. Discredit, however, is thrown upon the report, from the fact that the Associated Press dispatch from Baltimore of this af-As we go to press, there is a street rumor ternoon makes no mention of such arrests.

Yesterday the U.S. sloop-of-war Vincennes went into commission at the Charlestown Navy Yard, and took on board an immense amount of shot and shell. She expects to join the blockading fleet in a few days.

Nor the Man -The Boston Post says : "The fat Amodie, the fine singer and amiable man, is alive in Mexico, with a larger belly than ever. It was his younger brother who died-the youth who debuted in New York.

We are informed that the Rev. Dabney Ball, formerly of Columbia Street Methodis Episcopal Church, in Baltimore, has given up his charge, and has accepted a Lieutenancy in the Confederate Army.

IT New York has now nine regiments at Fortress Monroe, under Colonels Buryes, Townsend, Weber, Hawkins, Taylor, Bendix, Allen, Carr, and McChesney.

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II The Baltimore custom-house is now guarded by two pieces of artillery, with sentries patrolling the sidewalks.

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MATTERS AT THE NAVY YARD AND DOWN THE Stenmer St. Nicholas Seized-A "Brilli nt" I xploit- I hree Vessels Captured by the St Nichelas.

[From the Baltimore American, July 2.] One of the Baltimore evening papers in the interest of the Secession cause gives the following account of the seizure of the steamer St. Nichopelled to return at high tide and undergo re-pairs—her engine having been slightly injured in gers, under the heading of a "daring exploit:" On Friday evening last the steamer St. Nichoas left this port for the various landings on the Potomac river, having on board about fifty passengers, a large portion of whom were friends of the Confederate cause. About 1 o'clock, just after the boat left Point Lookout, a portion of her passengers, who proved to be members of the Confederate army, took possession of her, and Captain Hollins, late in command of the United States steamer Susquehanas, who had quietly got aboard at the Point, was placed in command. The St. Nicholas was then taken across to Cone river, on the Virginia side, where the passengers service where she now is; and should she attempt | were landed and kindly cared for by the Virto visit the waters of the Potomac again, the Poginians, the ladies receiving every possible attention About one hundred Tennessee infantry and twenty-five sallors were next placed on board the steamer, and under command of Captain Hollins she salled for the Rappahannock river,

capturing three vessels on her way luden respectively with ice, coal and coffee. Before our informant (a passenger on board) left Cone river, a little stream in Northumberland county, intelligence had been received of the safe arrival of Captain Hollins with his prizes at Fredericksburg All the passengers of the St Nicholas reached their several destinations safey. There were about 1,000 Tennessee troops at Heathsville.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT. We find in an extra issued by another Secession evening journal the following account of the "brilliant exploit." The "French lady" alluded

to is supposed to be Capt. Hollins, late of the United States Navy: It appears that the St. Nicholas, Captain Jacob Kirwan, left this city on Friday morning last having on board about forty-five passengers. Among those who went aboard the boat previous to her departure from this city was a very respectable "French lady," who was beavily veiled, and, pleading her indisposition, she was immediately shown to her state room, where she

was kindly cared for by the females on board There were also a party of about twenty-five men dressed in the garb of mechanics, carrying with them carpenters, tinners, blacksmiths, and other tools. The boat left at the usual hour for Point Look

out and other points on the Potomac river, and

every thing passed off as usual until the boat ar ived on Saturday morning last. When near Point Lookout the "French lady" appeared on deck, not in crinoline, but in the person of a stalwart man, who was immediately surrounded by the party of mechanics above

Captain Kirwan demanded an explanation when the "lady-man" coolly informed him that he designed confiscating the steamer and going on a privateering expedition.
Finding himself overpowered, Captain Kirwan

was compelled to submit quietly, and the boat was formally handed over to the man and his crew, who took possession, and proceeded to run the steamer to a point known as "The Cone," on the Virginia shore. Upon landing at the Cone, the steamer was boarded by a body of about 1,000 Virginia troops. when the pass ngers were all landed and allowed

About one hundred and fifty of the troops were then placed on board the steamer, Captain Kirwan and fourteen of the crew being retained as pris-Leaving the shore, the steamer was run down as far as the mouth of the Rappahannock river,

to go on their way unmolested

where the "new Captain" hailed three large origs, which were lying off a few miles from Fredericksburg. These vessels were immediately boarded by the privateer, and not having a sufficient force on cola. She had already been there, but was ordered board to offer any resistance, they were all then quietly delivered over to the party as prizes. The prizes, one of which was laden with coffee, a second with ice, and the third with coal, were

run into Fredericksburg, Virginia, and delivered into the possession of the Virginians, the steamer being kept at that port, together with her captain and crew The three prizes were valued at at least \$100,000 Captain Norris, the clerk of the St. Nicholas. together with five of the stewards, came passengers on board the Express, having been released at the 'Cone," who give the above particulars

THE PIRATES-The Indictment Drawn-The Trial -The indictment against the Savannah pirates is drawn up ready for presentation, and the arraignment of the prisoners awaits only the convenience of the court. They will be arraigned some day this week, possibly to-morrow and will be remanded for trial.

The trial will take place in the United States Circuit Court room, Chambers street. The trial will not be a long one. The case ! simple and the evidence direct. Knickerbocker, the states' evidence, who says he was "im pressed," is a willing witness, and Theis N Meyer, the captain of the captured Joseph, an intelligent man, will also appear as a witness Captain Meyer is a Dane, but is a naturalized citizens of the United States -N. Y. Post, yesterday

IMPORTANT FROM MANASSAS JUNCTION .- The Lynchburg Republican of Thursday last has the following items: Gentlemen who reached here from Manassay Junction say that only three regiments are now at that place-all of the other forces under Gen, Beauregard's command having been advanced in the direction of Alexandria.

Two South Carolina companies are within four miles of Alexandria. The reported capture of nine South Carolinians is still asserted, but there is no confirmation. Among the troops yet at the Junction is the entire regiment of Col Garland-made up almost

entirely of companies from this city and county. GOV WISE'S ADVANCE -A correspondent of the Atlanta, Ga., Confederacy gives an interesting account of the contemplated work which lies before Gen. Wise in Northwest Virginia. According to this correspondent, who writes from Richmond on the 10th ult, Gen. Wise expected to start for the northwest on the 11th ult , by which time 4,000 men would have been transported by railroad to Staunton, where he would be joined by several additional regiments, which would swell his army to 10,000 men. From Staunton the General is to proceed on foot, a distance of 100

miles, over a rough turnpike up the Alleghany LOUISIANA VOLUNTEERS IN VIRGINIA -A COFrespondent who writes to the Richmond Examiner from Baton Rouge, on the 18th ult., says that notwithstanding the rush of volunteers from Louisians for Virginia, an equal number, completely equipped and uniformed, are straining every nerve to get their proffered services in the same cause accepted. He adds, however, that "regulation muskets and rifles are scarce, and they cannot be accepted by the Confederate Government without these arms, and they will not be accepted by the State, the Executive of which is alarmed

at the drain of fighting men from our borders." THE PATENT OFFICE OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES .- This branch of the Southern new Government, says the Richmond Dispatch, is about going into operation, and we are glad to observe, ander the most favorable auspices. Commissioner Rhodes has arrived from Montgomery, opened bis department at Goddin's building, and in a very short time will be ready to proceed to business. No less than 120 applications for new patents, 40 applications to revive old ones, 40 caveats, filed for future action, and numerous assignments for record, await the action of the

Commissioner. The United States sailing corvette Savannah, 26, was put formally in commission Thursthe Brooklyn Navy-Yard. She was a frigate till 1857, is 1,726 tuns burden, and has made one cruise-as temporary flag-ship of the Home Squadron, with the wide flag of Commodore Salter, from 1853 to 1857. The crew put on board, about 150, is about half ber complement be bound for the blockade fleet.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING -Mr. Wm. G. Robertsociated Press dispatch from Baltimore of this afto mourn their sad loss The horse he was riding was also instantly killed. - Rockvi le (Md) Senti-

PRIVATER! PRIVATER!! PRIVATER!!!-A first class vessel, 170 tons, drawing six feet water when loaded for a cruise of four months, will be fitted out for a privateer as soon as the shares are taken. Those wishing to invest will apply at this office. - Charleston Courier, 24th ult.

OBSTRUCTION OF NORFOLK HARBOR .- A Portsmouth correspondent of the Richmond Examiner states that it has been decided to drive plies in the river below the hospital, so as to completely forbid the approach of naval forces within shelling distance of either that city or Norfolk.

The Government has chartered the steamer P. T. Heart, of the Philadelphia Inland line, and has ordered her to the Washington Navy Yard, where she will be altered into a gun-boat. The U S. frigate Sabine has been ordered

Personal. Our fellow townsman, Geo. C. Blanchard, we notice is now amongst the most popular of the corps of contributors to the New York Ledger.

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from Pensacola to the Portsmouth Navy Yard for

Foreign News. The steamship Etna, at New York, brings Liv-

rpool advices to the 19th of June : The fight for the championship of England between Hurst, the "Staleybridge Infant," and Jem Mace, lasted fifty minutes. Mace was declared the victor after eight rounds had been

The Hammonia was to sail with £25,000 in

pecie for New York.

The sailing of the steamer Great Eastern Was etponed to the 26th. The British frigate Adriatic had sailed for the American station. A French division under Admiral Reynauld is about to sail, and will visit New York, Charleston, &c. The steamer Golden Fleece, with British troops

for Quebec, left Kingston on the 7th The London Times opposes the shipment of troops to Canada, and says there is no apparent reason for it, and that America is more likely to regard it as a challenge than as a precautionary movement.

The London Post, however, defends the movement as a mere matter of routine and precaution, and says the troops were demanded by Sir Fenwick Williams. The special correspondent of the Times, writing

from New Orleans, May 24th, says it is impossi-ble to resist the conviction that the Southern Confederacy can only be conquered by means as irresistible as those which subjugated Poland.

Mr. Train gave a Union dinner at London to numerous literary celebrities in commemoration of the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill Von-intervention by England was generally approved by the speakers, but their sympathy was with the North.

An influential meeting had taken place at the

residence of Lard Brougham, relative to the sup-

pression of the Cuban slave trade. The conduct of Spain was denounced, and the government was recommended to suspend diplomatic intercourse while the trade continues. It was also resolved that an opportunity be taken to obtain the co-operation of the government of

the United States in the terms of a treaty to remonstrate with Spain. The towns of Saumarco and Brigriano, Naples, having revolted, were taken by assault by Italian troops. Twenty of the inhabitants were shot for

Spain will preserve a strict neutrality in th American war. Some disturbances occurred in Syria imme diately after the French troops depar ed, but the outbreak was quickly suppressed.

Both towns were subsequently burnt.

ANOTHER PRIVATERR CAPTURED; ALSO, A LOT OF RIFLED CANNON .- The subjoined extract of a private letter, which we find in the New York World of Monday, announces two important captures by the vessels of the United States in the

Sir Henry Bulwer was dangerously ill.

OFF FORT PICKERS, On board the Wyandotte, June 10 DEAR BROTHER: * * * We have just ar rived here from Key West, and find that matters are in a desperate state in the rebel camp. They have had to live exclusively on salt provisions for some time, and even these are so scarce that great numbers are deserting because they cannot get enough to eat. Many officers, too, have resigned on account of having received no pay. * * *
The Niagara is here now, and her appearance

off this harbor bodes no good to the secessionists. as her well-known terrible armament will enable her to batter down their fortifications, and at the same time be beyond the range of their guns. She has already taken several prizes-one being the southern privateer steamer William H Webb, just as the latter was in the act of capturing a northern brig called the East, of New York. The Massachusetts has also taken a prize off Key West, the Etna. an English barque, loaded with rifled cannon, &c., for the rebels at Peneaiway by the U S. fleet, strange to say, without inspection. Our vessel, the Wyandotte, is stationed at the east end of Santa Rosa Island, and when fighting occurs (if at all) you shall be duly informed. Your affectionate brother.

More Secession -The Mobile Tribune complains of the postal annoyance resulting from the failure of the Confederate Government to issue stamps up to the present, remarks that the postmasters of Mobile and Montgomery have uttered stamps of their own, and adds :- For instance, the mail boat which arrived yesterday morning from New Orleans brought outside of the mail a batch of letters to the address of parties here, prepaid by stamps issued by the New Orleans postmaster -five cents each. These letters were sent back by our postmaster to be mailed, as they should have been, at the New Orleans post office.'

The Richmond correspondent of the Charleston Courier, writing on the 17th June says: "Such is the scarcity of Northern intelligence that ten, fifteen and even twenty dollars are freely paid for a single New York paper." IT The "Eastern Dispensary," of the city of New York, bave gratuitously furnished the whole Volunteer force of the State with sufficient virus

In the engagement at Phillippi, Sergeant Copp, a Methodist minister, attached to one of the Indiana companies, killed one of the enemy, as we learn from the Indiana State Sentinel. The only way for Governor Jackson of Missouri to obtain the most distant seeming of a resemblance to General Jackson, is by an instant

retirement to some hermitage. The rank of mate in the British navy has been changed to that of sub-lieutenant. Captain Bonaparte Patterson is to have a rise in military rank.

THE UNION PRAYER MEETING will be holden EVERY DAY in the English Lutheran Church, corner of H and Eleven'h sts. commencing at 5 o'clock p. m. and to be continued an hour Strangers as well as citizens of all denominations are invited to attend and take part in these social meetings. these social meetings.

MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH NOTICE—
The annual meeting of the Stockhold-ra of
the Magnet o Telegraph Company will be held at the St. Louis Hotel, Phi ad-lphia, on THURN-DAY, the 11th day of July, 1861, t 12 o'clock noon of said day, for the election of officers of said company for the ensuing year. JOSEPH SAILOR, Scoretary of Mag Tel. Co

"I SAY, STRANGER, WHERE ARE you going? You seem to be in a great hurry," "So I am. I amgo ne to SMITH'S, No. 460 Seventh street, to buy a su t of Clothing. The people say he has a very nice assortment, and they say he sells them so cheap." Note.—The last we saw of the stranger, he was running up Seventh street singing out "SMITH, No. 460." m21 Sm

PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the Smithsonian Institution for the delivery of a cargo of coal soon expected.

ALL Persons are hereby cautioned against trusting any body on James Travers' account from and after this date, without his written ord ror that of my own.

JOSEPH TRAVERS, Washington, July 2d, 1861. jy 2-2t*

FOURTH OF JULY.

IRE WORKS, RUCKETS, ROMAN CANDLES, WHEELS, FLOWER POTS, FIRE CRA KERS, &c, &c, just received from New York, and are off red whole ale and retail, cheap for ash, at the Hardware and Variety Store, No. 482 Penns Ivania avenue, near Third street, two squares east of the Capitol.

Jv2-St* GEORGE SAVAGE

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ick Kley, in the Star of yesterday obliges me to infer a the public that the s.a. ement respecting our children is false. They are now at the Ursu ine Convent. His allegation of grounds for a divorce is equally false, as well as cruei and unmanly, as the evidence will show.

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Thursday, and the impossibility of my being able
to secure a fresh surply for my customers by
Wednesday afternoon, I will be in market at the
old stand, 213, back of the Scale House, on Wednesday afternoon, and on Thursday morning from
5 to 10 o'clock.
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I am receiving regular supplies of this annivaled But er.
Parties purchasing of me can rely upon getting it fresh from the dairies

Price only twenty forcests.

GEUEGE M. OYSTER,

Stall No. 340 Center Market,

jy 1-8t*

Between 7th and 5th streets. HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,

WASRINGTON, July 1, 1961. Military Regulations concerning Passports. The General-in-Chief, by permission of the Executive, announces to all concerned that hereafter no passports, by whomsoever signed or countersigned, will entitle any one to pass the lines of the United States Army, unless the same be also countersigned by himself or the commander of a military geographical department This regulation will continue in force until further WINFIELD SCOTT. notice.

By command: E. D. TOWNSEND, Assistant Adjutant General.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE. Washington, July 1, 1861. The above order is confirmed. WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

WANTS.

WANTED-A COLORED WOMAN, to saist in 'he laundry of the Eub it Hop e. It' WANTED-A good COOK. Apply to A B' CHIGNANI, at No 200 I atr. et, between 20th and 21st.

WANTED TO HIRE-A WOMAN, to do gen erel housework. No. 499 Seventeenth at. WANTED-A first class COOK, WASHER, and IKONER. Good references required. None need apply without the above qualifications. Callat No. 445 C street, between 1st and 2d. 1t* WANTED IMMEDIATELY-Two good BA-KERS, to whom constant employment an good wages will be given. Apply at HAVEN NER'S, 347 C street, rear of National Hotel.

WANTED-A JOURNEYMAN BAKER, at 496 Seventh street, between D and E jy 1 3t* McKELDEN & CO. HOUSE WANTED.—A family of three persons only wish to hire a small Furnished House in a pleasant part of the city. If terms and location suit, they may want it three or four years. Address "M. F. L." City Post Office. ie 27 5t* having burned alive four Piedmontese soldiers. WANTED-YOUNG MEN to sell camp equip-age and articles needful to the troops. Five to ten dollars made a day. Apply 276 Pa. avenue.

> WANTED-A good HAND to work in a livery stable. Inquire at PUMPHREY'S Stable, 0 street. None but a good hand need apply. je 24 WANTED.-We are now buying SECOND-HAND FURNITURE, STOVES and BED DING, for which we are paying the highest cash prices. Families declining housekeeping, or having a surplus of furniture, will find it to their

je 13-tf No. 369 7th st., betw. I and K sts. WANTED TO PURCHASE—For the use of the U.S. troops in Fairfax county, Va., WOOD HAY, OATS and CORN. Propositions from residents of the county preferred Appy to the undersigned, near Arlington House.

O. H. TILLINGHAST, Capt. A Q. M.

WANTED. FOR THE CASH-All kinds of SECOND-BAND FURNITURE AND HOUSEKEEPING ARTICLES. Persons leaving the city or having a surplus will do well to call immediately.

R. BUCHLY, jo 3

428 Seventh, between G and H sts.

LOST AND FOUND.

U. S. Navy." engraved upon it. Wh. ever will return the dog to 146 G street will be libera ly rewarded. warded.

BOARDING.

BOARDING.—A large Room on second floor, suitable for a gentleman and wife or two single gentlemen, at 309 F street, between 11th and 1/th sts. A few Table Boarders accommodated.

MRS SMITH'S BOAR DING-HOUSE. C st., Nos 391 and 393, b tween 3d and 4% etc., has several Chambers, with Parlors attached, on socommodating terms.

BOARD AGENCY.—Members of Congress, Officers of the Army, Strangers and Citizens, can obtain Board or Rooms, furnished or unfurnished, in chirible locations, at prices to suit, by applying at the Board Agency. Washing on Building, room No 5 corner Pennsylvania av and Seventh st. D. FRASER STILES. Proprietors of genteel boarding houses, by leaving their applications as above. can be supplied with first-class bearders on short je 29 cotf BOARD AND ROOM.—A large furnished front Chamber, on the second floor, with Board, may be had at No. 458 Twelfth street, between G and H sts. je 27 5t*

For the Army. Parr's Celebrated Patent American CAMP CHEST,

CONTAI-ING TABLE, SEATS, COOKING AND TABLE

FOR A MESS OF FOUR. With other Useful Articles for Camp Comfort, All combined in a chest \$1 mebes long, 9 wide, and 16 deep, and weighing only 49 pounds. now on exhibition at the

FURNISHING WAREROOMS OF JAMES C. MOGUIRE & CO., Corner of Tenth at. and Pa. avenue. A CARD. Pellow Citizens: I hereby offer muself as a candidate for the office of Senator from your District to the Legislature about to assemble

your District to the Lerislature about to assemble at Wheel ng. Some persons, not disaffected to the Union, seem to don't the propriety of any represents on at present from this section, but the times demand action:—It is no time to hesitate when our property and libert es are at stake. I have a ready participated in the counsels of the proposed election is to be held, and I shall continue to act with the good and true men there assembled, with no other regret than that some abler man cannot be found willing to to keep position.

Respectfully, your obedient servant, Respectfully, your obedient servant,

WHEREAS I have for my own protection and that of my children, been compaled to take the necessary steps to secure a divorce from my wife. necessary steps to secure a fivore from my w fe. Anna C. KLEY. in consequence of which she has, against my will and without my knowledge or o need, withdrawn my four children from the Ursu ine Convert, where they had been for the year past, and for whose board and education I have paid to the 15th July instant, this is to give notice that I will not be responsible for the board of hers if or children, wherever she may think proper to place them, nor for any other liabilities she may incur. (jf 1 3t*) FREDERICK KLEY.

CHIEF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER'S WASHINGTON D. C., June 29, 1861.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until the 10th day of July. proxime, at 12 o'clock m, for furnishing at this place three hundred (500) tone of good merchantable timothy hay, pressed

and in bales.

The hay to be delivered on or before the 25th July next at the wharfat the foot of G street, or at the Railroad Depot. the undersigned reserves high.

bids that may be deemed too high.

The bids to be endorsed, "Proposals for Bay."

D. H. RUCKER. Brevet Major, A. Q. M.

WATER REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

ALL WATER TAKERS are hereby notified that their Water Rents for the year commencing with this date are now due and payable at this The following is the law of the Corporation "in The following is the law of the Corporation "in relation to delinquent water-takers," viz:

"In all cases of the non-payment of the water rent for thirty days after the same is due and payable, the Water Registrar shall notify the Purveyor of such delinquency, and the raid Purveyor shall discontinue the supply of water immediately, by outting off the water at the main, and he shall not allow it to be again used in said de inquent's premises except on notification by the Water Regist ar that the water rent has been paid as also the expense of outting off and restoring the flow of water."

TABLE, SEATS. COOKING AND TABLE Water" The law will be enforced. RANDOLPH COYLE,
[Intell.] Water Registrar,

WE Would respectfully and earnestly ask those who have accounts with us to come up and settle them, so as to enable us to meet our obligations. By so doing they will confer a great favor.

Je 19-6t SIBLEY & GUY. SODA WATER APPARATUS FOR SALE.
A very superior Soda Apparatus, Insed inside with porcelain, made by Joseph Bernhard, Philadelphia, in perfect order, and has been used very little, on sale for oash at the Drug Store of S. B. WALTE, corner Seventh street and Louisana avenue.

50 BAREGE ROBES SELLING
half their value,
500 yards French Bareges at very low prices,
1,0 0 yards Lawns, new styles, at 12% ets. per yard,
1,000 Palm-leaf Fans
We are selling many styles of LAULES' DRESS
GOODS at prices much below their value.
Ca I and look for yourselves.
WM. R. RILEY & BRO,
No. 36 Central Stores,
Between 7th and 8th ets,
je29 10t,if Opposite Center Market.

ALL Persons indebted to the undersigned will be pleased to call and settle their accounts, as their bills are now made off ready for settlement.

WM. R. RILEY & BRO,

No 36 Central Stores,

Between 7th and 8th ste.

Opposite Center Market.

COME AND SEE Our new style INDIA. PAN-AMA, and AMAZON HATS, just received to-day; also, the UNION TIE, at No. 460 Ser-enth st. PROVISIONS.

105 kegs BUT FER.

2,056 bus. OATS, averaging \$5 lbs per bushed.

EING & BURCHELL.

jo 21 Corner Pulseenth st. Sag Vermont so.

AUCTION SALES.

Br BARNARD & BUCKEY, Auctioneers,

Georgetown, D. C.

FURNITURE AND K' FECT'S OF A FAMIL'I DECLINING HOUSEKE) PISG —On FRIDAY
MONNING, July 5th, at 10 o'clock a. m., we will
sell at the residence of Mr. T. J. Robinson, on
Congress, near West street, we name in part—
Mahorany Sofa. Rush seat Chairs.
Dining at d'Chamber Chairs, and Rocker,
Extension and other Tables.
Parlor, Stair and Chamber Carp via, Rugs,
Crumb Cloth, Hat Rack, Whan it,
Marble-top Centre Tables.
Original Rushus Walnut do. &c.
Uressing Ruseaus. Walnut do. &c.
Spring and Shuck Mathesses,
Feather Beds. Bolsters, &c.,
Cooking, Radiator and Air-tight Stoves,
of of Kitchen Utensia.
Gas Fixtures for 3 Rooms.
Terms cash,
Land Radiator and Aur-tight Stoves,
Terms cash,
Terms cash,
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FOR SALE AND RENT.

Jy 2-d BARNARD & BUCKEY, Auote.

FOR RENT-A three-stery BRICK HOUSE.

containing 8 rooms and celer with as through
out, on H street, b tween 12th and 13th etc. 19quire of JAMES W. BARKER, at No. 425 H

street bet een line and 12th ets FOR RENT-A well furnished HOUSE, near the War Department; containing 8 rooms, attic, and all the modern improvements at a moderate rent to a permanent tenant. For diffrequired. Apply to G. H. SMART, 402 Thirteenth except, netween G and H.

TO LET-FURNISHED APARTMENTS-A
Parlor and hamber, or two chambers; loostion very desirable and pleasant—4nd New York
avenue second door from Fifteenth street, and near the President's Grounus and State Department,

FOR RENT-A WGOD AND COAL YARD, with Office, Senier, and Stable, situated on First street occupied by A. B. Waller.
Also, the four story Brick House Gaupied by H. N. Gilbert, n. 5r the Capital. Also the three-story Brick on 4% street, near the City Hall, occupied by John S. Rendall Rents mederate. Possession given 1st of July. Apply to JOHN PURDY je 19-oct

FOR RENT, IN THE FIRST WARD-Several FURNISHED APARTMENTS, with Board, if desired, oan be had in a private family, in a desirable and healthy location, near the War and Navy Departments, by a moss of four or five single g ntlemen, or a couple of gentlemen with their wives. Inquire at the corner of Pa avenue and Twentieth street, north side, (entrance on Twentieth st.)

HANDSOMELY FURNISHED ROOMS.—
Four handsomely Furnished Rooms, supplied with gas and water, and convenient to the Patent and Post Office Departments, for rent. Apply at 490% Massachusetts avenue, north side, between the and 5th ats.

POR RENT-The fine BRICK HOUSE No. 100 West st., Georgetown, at present occupied by the subsorther. It has 12 remans, with greated water throughout, a fine yard, stable &c., and sin a good neighborhood. Apply to JAS. A. MAGRUDER.

FOR RENT-The north HOUSE of the row of D and E sts., No. 388, fronting the City Hal-WILLIAM H. PHILLIP, Attorney at Law, No...
40 Louisiana avenue.

DROPOSALS FOR SUPPLIES.

U. S. PENITENTIARY, Washington, June 22, 1861. (3d of July for furnishing the Pentientary of the District of Columbia with the following articles

natil the 30th day of June 1867:
20,000 pounds fresh beef
5,000 do corned beef
5,000 do middings of bacon 50 bushels potatoes 30 barrels navy beans 2 hogsheads rice 12 barre a mulsares 1,500 pounds coffee, unground 1,601 do black tea 10 boxes black pepper 12 barrels yinggar 1,000 pounds brown scap
50 barrels soft wap
500 do fine flour
150 bushels oorn mesi

100 tons white a h coal 25 do umberiand coal 150 cords pine wood 150 do oak wood Bidders can at their option propose for any or all of the articles named in the above list. Bidders are required to furnish samples of the articles (as near as can be done) they propose to

The artic'es must be delivered at the l'enitentia ry in such quantities and at such times as may be lesser quantity of each and every article contracted or, as the public service may require. Bonds, with security to be approved by the Board of Inspectors, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract
Proposals must be endorsed "Proposals for Supplies," and left at the Ponitaguary by the time named above, as none will be considered that are sent in after that time

sent in after that time. Any other information that may he required by those desiring to bil can be obtained by applying By order of the Board of Inspectors
je 24-id H. J. KING, Warden. HEADQUARTERS FOR SOLDIERS -Evory Soldier in the city should call at SMITH'S
No. 460 Seventh street, opposite the Post Office,
and buy their CLOTHING SHIRTS, COLLARS,
TRUNKS, VALICES, CARPET BAGS, BAIS
and CAPS, as it is the Cheapest Store in towa to

buy Clothing and Furnishing Goods.

J. H. SMITH, Clothier,

ma 20-3m

No. 460 Seventh st. WE Have received within the last day or two a arge assertment of BOYS' SPRING CLOTH-ING. embracing all styles of low-priced, medium, and fine qualities, which we are selling a tvery

low prices for cash. WALL, STEPHENS & CO. 322 Pa. av., between 9th and 10th sts. A FULL AS ORTMENT OF BRASS AND WOODEN DRUMS, Drum Heads, Drum Sticks and Snares, Brass and Copper Bucles, Fifes, Flutes. Banjos, Guitare, and Violins, at low prices, just arrived at the Music Store of W. G. MET-ZER: TT, corner of Eleventh street and Penns, avenue.

HOME-MADE BOOTS AND SHOES, LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S WEAR, At Exceedingly Lote Prices.
At J. ROSENTHAL'S,
No. 16 Market Space,
Pa. av . bet 8th and 4th sta. MAGNOLIA HAMS!

We are now receiving our first supply of Magnotia Hems for this season. They cannot be surpassed. KING & BURCHELL. corner 15th at and Vermont av. CASH NOTICE. N Consequence of our having to pay cash for every article of goods we purchase, we are forced to reduce our business to Cash exclusively, for the

present. We have in store a very large assortment of READY MADE CLOTHING for men and boys' wear, which are sedling at a much lower rate than usually. WALL, STEPHENS & CO. than usually. WALL. STEPHENS of the state of To Rosches, Bedbugs, Fleas, Ants, &c. Use Moore's In set Destroyer; never fails; price 20, 30 and 50 cents. Also, Moore's Rat and Mice Ex-

terminator. Large and general stock of Medicines, &c., always on hand MOORE'S West End Drug Store, 113 Penn a senue. RESUMED BUSINESS.

The Unicraigned would inform his friends and the public that he has taken house on Ninth st., between D and E, where he will again do business as a licensed PAWN-BROKER. Fair dealing in all business trans-Je 21 2m* ENOCH WARD.

GUNBOATS FOR THE WESTERN RIVERS. QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE. \\
Wa-hington, June 17, 1861. \\
PROPOSALS are invited for constructing Gun-Specifications will be immediately prepared and may be examined at the Quartermaster's Office at Cincinnati. Pit sburgh, and at this office.

Proposals from boat buil ers and engine-builders alone will be considered.

Pans submitted by bidders will be taken into

oonsideration M. C. MEIOS, je 18 Quartermaster General United States. WATCH REPAIRING AND SILVER WARE
MANUFACTORY.

I have one of the best establishments, and furnished with a complete set of tools for repairing every description of fine Watches, and particular attention give to the same, by a thorough competent workman, and a. work subrauted. Also, every description of standard SiLVER WARE, plain and ornamental, manufactured under my own supervision, which my customers will find far superior in quality and finish to northern ware sold by dealers in general and represented as their own manufacture.

338 Pa. avenue, near 9th st.

MAPS OF THE SEAT OF WAR,—A splendid Map of the Seat of War for only 5 cents. Also, Pocket Maps of all kinds. Soldiers' Camp Dressing Cases from \$2.50 to \$8. Blank Books and Stationery of all kinds, Flag Peper and Envelopes.
Flags, Banners and Badges, Views of Washington, American and Foreign Magazines, Daily and Weekly Papers.

PRENCH & RICHSTEIN'S

National Bookstore,

m -lw (Intel & Repub.) 278 Pa avenue.

I TAKE PLEASURE IN ANNOUNCING TO I the critisens and strangers of Washington that I have just received my stock of SUMMER CLOTHING, and HATS and CAPS, to which I respectfully call their attention before purchasing. I have one of the nicest assortments of goods in this city, and offer them at very low prices.

J. H. SMITH, Clothier, je 7-lrs No. 460 Seventh st., cop. Post Office.

N. B. - The undersigned begs to inform the N. B. public that he has on hand a large stock of MONUMENTS, TOMBS, HEADS NONES, &c., at Beltimore and Philadelphia prices. Also, a new style of Prawings can be seen at the yard, and a new style of Marble Mantels. Table Tope, &c., kept on hand. Brown Stone and Granite work promptly attended to. WM, BRADLEY, ma B-com. Pa. av. lot. Sch and Hebrica.